GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1295
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of urban population provided with drinking water and sanitation facilities during the last three years till date; and

(b) the extent to which the Non-Governmental Organisations are being involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Urban water supply and sanitation is a State subject. It is the responsibility of the State Government, therefore, to plan, implement, execute, operate and maintain the water supply and sanitation schemes and provide adequate funds for the purpose in their respective State Plans. Therefore, data in regard to percentage of population provided with drinking water and sanitation facilities during the last three years and the current year is not available in this Ministry. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing water supply facilities to the towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census), a Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) was launched during 1993-94 in order to provide Central assistance to the State Governments on 50:50 matching basis between Centre and State. This Ministry is also implemented a Centrally sponsored Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (LCS) for liberation of scavengers under which Government of India subsidy and loan from HUDCO is provided to convert dry latrines into pour flush toilets. Under AUWSP, details of schemes sanctioned during the last three years and Central share released to different State Governments is at Annexure. Under LCS, details of schemes sanctioned, loan and subsidy released during last three years is at Annexure.

(b): The guidelines for implementation of the Programme under AUWSP stipulate that community participation will be made the cardinal principle underlying the whole programme and the involvement of NGOs should also be considered while implementing the programme. While according technical approval to the water supply schemes under AUWSP, a condition is also imposed in the approval letters issued by the Ministry that to the extent possible involvement of community right from planning stage to Operation & Maintenance should be ensured and involvement of NGOs and private agencies must be explored and given due weightage by the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies.

Under LCS, HUDCO sanctions the scheme to nodal agency approved by the State Government or to the individual Municipality directly. As informed by HUDCO, NGOs are being involved in construction, operation & maintenance, collection of beneficiary contribution and in awareness generation for public participation. The extent of involvement of NGO`s depends on the borrowing agency for which there is no separate funding in the Programme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1295 FOR 26.11.2002.

ACCELERATED URBAN WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (AUWSP)

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Schemes sanctioned	Project Cost released	Central Share
1999-2000	109	15939.41	6500.00
2000-2001	136	20712.75	6400.00
2001-2002	85	12280.89	9500.00
2002-2003	38	5573.78	3454.65

(till 15.11.02)

LOW COST SANITATION SCHEME (LCS)

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year sanctioned	Schemes Sanctioned	Loan Released	Loan Sanctioned	Subsidy Released	Subsidy

1999-2000	22	3570.88	2049.48	5918.89	6077.06
2000-2001	12	5537.06	8981.13	1987.84	2933.75
2001-2002	24	4790.63	3471.39	3708.48	984.67
2002-2003	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	182.61

(till 31.10.02)